

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. In a computer network, a method comprising,
providing a contacts schema, the contacts schema having contacts-related fields
arranged into a content document with defined structures for the fields;
receiving a data access request directed to contact information, the request including
associated identity information; and
in response to the data access request, manipulating at least one set of data in a logical
contacts document that includes data therein according to the associated identity information,
each set of data in the logical contacts document structured to correspond to a field in the
content document.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein manipulating at least one set of data comprises
reading data from at least one field in the logical contacts document.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein manipulating at least one set of data comprises
writing data to at least one field in the logical contacts document.
4. In a computer network, a method comprising,
receiving a request to retrieve contacts data, the request including associated identity
information;
reading from a data store to obtain contacts data based on the associated identity
information;

constructing a contacts document including at least part of the data, the document arranged according to a defined schema for contacts data; and
returning the document in response to the request.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field for extending the schema.

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